

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 20 have been amended to make it clear that the substrate comprises a thermoplastic alloy, and the thermoplastic alloy includes a polyester and a polycarbonate. This amendment is supported by the first sentence of paragraph [0017] of the specification. Claim 35 has been amended to make it clear that the body comprises a thermoplastic alloy, and the thermoplastic alloy includes a polyester and a polycarbonate. This amendment is supported by the second sentence of paragraph [0021] of the specification.

Claims 1-53 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph. When rejecting a claim under the written description requirement, the Office Action “must set forth express findings of fact which support the lack of written description conclusion. These findings should: (A) Identify the claim limitation at issue; and (B) Establish a *prima facie* case by providing reasons why a person skilled in the art at the time the application was filed would not have recognized that the inventor was in possession of the invention as claimed in view of the disclosure of the application as filed.” M.P.E.P. § 2163.04

A basis for each limitation of amended claim 1 can be found in the original specification as follows: A molded article (page 3, line 21) comprising: a substrate comprising a thermoplastic alloy (page 3, lines 21-22), the thermoplastic alloy including a polyester and a polycarbonate (page 5, line 9); and an outer surface layer (page 6, lines 1-2) of a thermoplastic material disposed on at least a portion of the substrate (page 3, lines 22-23), the thermoplastic material comprising a thermoplastic polyurethane (page 3, line 24). It is respectfully submitted that each claim limitation of claim 1 has a basis in the specification.

A basis for each limitation of amended claim 20 can be found in the original specification as follows: A method of manufacturing an article (page 5, line 24 to page 6, line 2), the method

comprising: providing a substrate comprising a thermoplastic alloy (page 3, lines 21-22), the thermoplastic alloy including a polyester and a polycarbonate (page 5, line 9); and overmolding (page 5, line 24 to page 6, line 2) an outer surface layer (page 6, lines 1-2) of a thermoplastic material comprising a thermoplastic polyurethane (page 3, line 24). It is respectfully submitted that each claim limitation of claim 20 has a basis in the specification.

A basis for each limitation of amended claim 35 can be found in the original specification as follows: A modular chain link (page 7, lines 1-2) for use in constructing a modular conveyor chain (page 7, lines 1-2), the modular chain link comprising: a main body (page 7, lines 6-7) comprising a thermoplastic alloy (page 7, lines 6-7), the thermoplastic alloy including a polyester and a polycarbonate (page 7, lines 6-7); a layer of a thermoplastic material (page 7, lines 12-15) disposed on at least a portion (Figure 1) of the main body, the thermoplastic material comprising a thermoplastic polyurethane (page 7, line 15); and a plurality of spaced link ends projecting from opposite sides of the main body, the plurality of spaced link ends being adapted to couple with adjacent links for joining the modular chain link together with the adjacent links (paragraphs [0022]-[0023]). It is respectfully submitted that each claim limitation of claim 35 has a basis in the specification.

It is requested that the rejection of claims 1-53 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, be withdrawn.

Claims 1-53 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. Claims 1 and 20 have been amended to make it clear that the substrate comprises a thermoplastic alloy, and the thermoplastic alloy includes a polyester and a polycarbonate. Claim 35 has been amended to make it clear that the body comprises a thermoplastic alloy, and the thermoplastic alloy includes

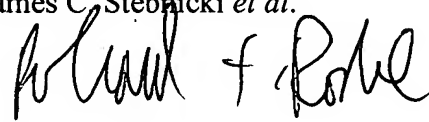
a polyester and a polycarbonate. It is requested that the rejection of claims 1-53 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, be withdrawn.

Conclusion

It is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested. No fees are believed to be needed for this amendment. However, if additional fees are needed, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 17-0055.

Respectfully submitted,

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